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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support- ICLS

This is to certify that Ace Telephone Association will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS only for the provision. maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company that are listed below.

Ace Telephone Association - State of Iowa - Study Area Code 351346 Ace Telephone Association - State of MN - Study Area Code 361346

Signed

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Dated: May 27, 2003